

# SAVE OUR HOMES NEWSLETTER

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## ADDONIZIO DELAYS ANSWER SETTING BLIGHT NEGOTIATIONS

### CLINTON HILL SUPPORTS IRONBOUND FIGHT

Logical, hard-hitting support for iron-bound residents fighting to save their homes was voiced by two Clinton Hill spokesmen at the Meadowlands Blight Hearing on Sept. 16 in City Hall.

Speaking for the Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council was Mrs. Louise Patterson. Mrs. Patterson appealed, as "a homeowner, a resident of a so-called blighted area, and a Negro," for the deletion of several hundred dwelling units from the project area.

She said: "As long as an acute shortage of low and moderate income housing exists in Newark, every possible house should be preserved."

Also speaking was Stanley B. Winters, CHHO vice president and chairman of the SOH Committee.

Mr. Winters said that deletion of the homes from the blight declaration would still leave 1680 acres out of 1700 for industrial development.

He supported the industrial purpose of the re-use plan. Upon his request to examine the survey cards use by the Newark Housing Authority, the Planning Board chairman said, "Not only you, Mr. Winters, but any citizen may examine them."

Mr. Winters complimented the Housing Authority on changing its presentation of evidence of blight and the Plan Board for its conduct of the hearing, though he chided the chairman for "harangue" of Mrs. Mary Williams, a previous speaker.

The Plan Board deferred action. The daily press omitted mention of the Clinton Hillers.

### SOH Members Drings

Mrs. Mabel Lyons is recovering from a foot injury suffered in August...Mrs. Genevieve Werde's son Roy, a South Side H.S. grad, is enjoying his freshman year at Bloomfield College...Mr. Clarence Killey has undergone surgery for a back injury... Arthur and Rose Hayman have relocated in Clinton Hill after being forced to move by their landlord, who failed to correct health violations, after which they complained to the city.

### TRIAL OF BLIGHT APPEAL NEARS

The Save Our Homes Committee has replied to a letter from Mayor Addonizio offering to meet again "even while the blight suit is pending" to reconcile differences over the reuse of the 74-block light industrial area in Clinton Hill and the Central Ward.

The Mayor's letter, dated August 15, reiterated his support of a revised re-use plan submitted to the SOH Committee last spring by the Newark Housing Authority staff.

"It is unfortunate that it has reached this stage," the Mayor wrote, "since I am still convinced that a workable compromise had been developed."

The Committee, in its reply dated August 22, made three points:

- 1) It is ready to meet;
- 2) It is "extremely upset" that the Mayor's invitation comes after his own 60-day deadline, forcing the "blight" appeal to be filed in the Appellate Division, "an action which has cost the plaintiffs hundreds of dollars that might have been saved" had it come earlier;
- 3) The committee will not meet "if the purpose of the meeting is to get us to accept" the present re-use plan. It will meet for genuine negotiations only;
- 4) There has not yet been "any considered or factual objections" by the city to either of the two Inhibit Reports analyzing the light industrial proposal;
- 5) The SOH Committee welcomes the Meadowland Industrial Project as "easing the need for huge tracts in Clinton Hill" and "hence making possible modifications" in the re-use plan.

In the five weeks since the Committee's answer was sent in, there has been no further word from the Mayor.

### City Cuts Suit Extension

Taken by surprise at the actual filing of the "blight" appeal on August 6, the city's legal department asked the court for a one-month extension in which to file its briefs.

Upon the filing, the firm of Levy, Lusken, & Magulies of Jersey City, representing the 7 Clinton Hill plaintiffs, will answer the briefs and the court will set a trial date.

As time runs out, the chances for a negotiated settlement, as the Committee had hoped, are rapidly dimming.

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